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SUBJECT: TRIPARTITE MEETING ON STRAITS

1. SUMMARY. FOREIGN MINISTERS OF INDONESIA (MALIK) AND SINGAPORE (RAJARATNAM) AND MALAYSIAN MINISTER OF INFORMATION WITH SPECIAL FUNCTIONS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY (RITHAUDDEEN) HELD 75-MINUTE MEETING IN SINGAPORE FEBRUARY 19 TO DISCUSS MEASURES TO IMPROVE SAFETY OF NAVIGATION AND TO COMBAT OIL POLLUTION IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA  
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AND SINGAPORE. THIS RELATIVELY BRIEF MEETING FOLLOWED TWO DAYS OF

INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS BY SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THE THREE GOVERNMENTS. THE MINISTERS APPROVED A CAUTIOUSLY WORDED STATEMENT AGREEING ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- (A) THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME FOR THE STRAITS IN WHICH THE INTERESTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WOULD BE "TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT";
- (B) THE IMPOSITION OF "CERTAIN LIMITATIONS" ON VLCC'S WHICH WOULD BE STUDIED BY A TECHNICAL GROUP;
- (C) EXISTING SCHEMES OF INSURANCE FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY OIL TANKERS WERE INADEQUATE, AND PROMPT, ADEQUATE COMPENSATION SHOULD BE MADE FOR DAMAGES INCURRED BY SHOWA MARU OIL SPILL;
- (D) COORDINATION OF THE THREE COUNTRIES NATIONAL CONTINGENCY PLANS TO PREVENT AND COMBAT OIL POLLUTION;
- (E) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MINISTERIAL COUNCIL ON SAFETY OF NAVIGATION

AND CONTROL OF MARINE POLLUTION IN THE STRAITS. END SUMMARY.

2. TEXT OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE THE MEETING DISCUSSED IN DETAIL MATTERS RELATING TO NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY MEASURES, AND IN THIS CONTEXT EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE COASTAL STATES.

QUOTE IN THIS CONNECTION, THE MINISTERS AGREED THAT A TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME FOR THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE BE ESTABLISHED AND THAT IMMEDIATE STEPS BE TAKEN IN THIS DIRECTION. THE NEED TO ENHANCE SAFETY OF NAVIGATION IN THE STRAITS AND THE INTERESTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME COMMUNITY WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

QUOTE IT WAS AGREED THAT CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON VLCCS HAVE TO BE IMPOSED AND A STUDY ON SUCH LIMITATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY A TECHNICAL GROUP. THE NEED FOR SOPHISTICATED NAVIGATIONAL AIDS AND OTHER MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF NAVIGATION IN THE STRAITS WAS ALSO CONSIDERED.

QUOTE THE ISSUE OF COMPENSATION IN THE EVENT OF OIL POLLUTION WAS ALSO DISCUSSED. THE MINISTERS WERE OF THE VIEW THAT THE EXISTING SCHEMES OF INSURANCE FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY OIL TANKERS WERE INADEQUATE

AND STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ASSURE PROPER RESTITUTION.

QUOTE THE MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE RECENT GROUNDING OF THE JAPANESE CRUDE CARRIER "SHOWA MARU", IN WHICH OIL SLICKS SPREAD TO THE WATERS OF THE THREE COUNTRIES, CAUSING DAMAGE. IN THE LIGHT OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPORTANCE OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT TO THE THREE COUNTRIES, THE MINISTERS URGED THAT THERE SHOULD BE PROMPT, FAIR AND ADEQUATE COMPENSATION FOR THE COSTS AND DAMAGES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT.

QUOTE THEY EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER THE INCIDENT WHICH UNDERLINES THE NEED FOR URGENT SAFETY OF NAVIGATION MEASURES IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE.

QUOTE THE MINISTERS RECOGNISED THE NEED FOR CONSULTATION, CO-

ORDINATION AND COOPERATION AMONG THE THREE COUNTRIES TO CONTROL OIL POLLUTION AND AGREED TO COORDINATE THEIR NATIONAL CONTINGENCY PLANS TO PREVENT AND COMBAT OIL POLLUTION IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE.

QUOTE THE MINISTERS AGREED TO ESTABLISH A COUNCIL ON SAFETY OF NAVIGATION AND CONTROL OF MARINE POLLUTION IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL FOR THE COORDINATION OF EFFORTS AND COOPERATION AMONG THE THREE COUNTRIES IN THESE FIELDS. UNQUOTE.  
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